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The claim amendments have been made so as to distinguish the claims further from EP 0732555 referred to in the European supplementary search report.

EP 073255 does not have the feature of "a cylindrical adsorbent unit having a top and a base and an elongated central opening therebetween, said elongated central, a central opening in said cylindrical adsorbent unit receiving said elongated member."

In EP 0732555, there is a desiccant-containing basket 30 which consists of a cylindrical outer portion and a bottom with a hole therein which receives the centre tube 28. A perforated cover plate 34 fits within the cylindrical wall of the basket and has a central opening which receives the centre tube 28. Accordingly, *inter alia*, claim 1 is now distinguished over EP 0732555 because it utilizes a separate self-contained adsorbent unit, whereas EP 0732555 utilizes a basket which does not have the elongated central opening between a top and a base.

In the supplementary search report, US 4,908,132 is also given the category "x". The claims are clearly distinguished from this patent. US 4,908,132 merely discloses a desiccant core which fits within a receiver dehydrator. It is not mounted on a pipe in the dehydrator.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a reissue of US Patent No. 6,309,450, as amended herein.

In the event that Applicants have overlooked the need for payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefor and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0390, BAKER & DANIELS.

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